

RESOLUTION NO. 74908

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ EXPRESSING THE DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE A'S IF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FAVORS A RELOCATION OF THE A'S TO SAN JOSÉ AND EXPRESSING A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TO DEVELOP A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PARK ON THE SITE LOCATED AT PARK AVENUE AND AUTUMN/MONTGOMERY STREETS; ESTABLISHING NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM IN THE DIRIDON AREA OF DOWNTOWN SAN JOSÉ; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM REGARDING A BASEBALL STADIUM AND OTHER MAJOR PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN THE DIRIDON AREA

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2009, the City Council and Agency Board directed staff to return with a resolution indicating the desire of the City of San José to support the A's if MLB favors a relocation of the A's to San José and indicating that the City is willing to accommodate the A's on the site at Park Avenue and Autumn/Montgomery Streets ("Site"); and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2009, the City Council and Agency Board also directed staff to assess the steps necessary to prepare the Site for a Major League Baseball stadium for the A's and directed staff to prepare an outreach program to neighboring residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, staff has developed a set of negotiating principles, as described in the memorandum from the Executive Director and City Manager dated May 1, 2009, which consists of the following five (5) principles:

1. The stadium development must generate a significant economic benefit to the City of San José and have a positive impact on the City of San José's General Fund.

2. The Major League Baseball team, at no cost to the City of San José, will be responsible for building the stadium structure and improvements on the approximate 14-acre designated stadium site.

3. The Major League Baseball team will be responsible for paying for all stadium operating costs related to its activities.

4. The name of the Major League Baseball team must include San José.

5. If the City or Redevelopment Agency recommend a contribution in the form of land or a financial contribution for any other ballpark specific items, a vote by the citizens of San José will be required on the stadium project; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that City and Agency staff commence a community engagement process that would facilitate and encourage public dialogue with neighborhoods and stakeholders, as fully described in the May 1, 2009 memorandum and consisting of the following four key strategies: (a) individual and small group meetings; (b) a dedicated web site; (c) the formation of a Diridon Area Good Neighbor Committee; and (d) formal community meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ:

1. Expresses the desire to support the A's if Major League Baseball favors a relocation of the A's to San José and expresses a willingness to work to develop a Major League Baseball stadium on the site located at Park Avenue and Autumn/Montgomery Streets; and

2. Establishes the negotiating principles described above for the development of a Major League Baseball stadium in the Diridon area of downtown San José; and

3. Approves the commencement of a public engagement program regarding a Major League Baseball stadium and other major planning activities in the Diridon area as described above.

ADOPTED this 12th of May, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHU, HERRERA, KALRA, LICCARDO,
NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE; REED.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: CHIRCO, CONSTANT.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

CHUCK REED
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk